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RE: **FS Handbook Release 00-01**

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**EFFECTIVE DATE**

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Implement the instructions at application, review, and change, or, if you wish, earlier. The following policy additions or changes are effective 01/01/00, unless otherwise noted.

**COMMENTS**

References to "OM" indicate that the information in the designated Operations Memorandum has been incorporated into the FSH.

**CHANGES**

The following changes are in this release.

## Appendices

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| 1.3.1   | Changes were made in the definition of categorical eligibility.  |
| 1.3.2   | Changes were made in the definition of mixed categorical eligibility.  |
| 4.2.7   | The definition of American Indians changed.  |
| 6.1.1   | The example describing an IPV period of ineligibility was expanded.  |
| 6.1.3   | The effective date, shown in the page header, for the contents of this page was incorrect. It was corrected. |
| 7.5.0   | Typos in the example box were corrected.   |
| 8.2.1   | The FSET child caretaker exemption was raised to age 6.  |
| 8.3.2   | A gross earned income reference to OM 99-09 was added.   |
| 8.8.2.1 | The thirty-six month ABAWD strike period has been re-set to run from Dec. 1, 1999 to Nov, 30, 2002.          |
| 11.1.0  | The reference to AFDC recipients was deleted. The two points dealing with W-2 were deleted.                  |
| 11.3.0  | A reference to vehicle registration was corrected to: 11.3.3.  |
| 11.3.8  | Many typos in this section were corrected.   |

- 12.2.51 The instructions regarding W-2 Trial Job Wages were updated and expanded.
- 12.2.53 A clarification was added that the Kinship Care payments count as unearned income for the child
- 13.5.3.3 New instructions describe how an FS group which has earned income from self-employment as a child care provider can deduct the cost of meals provided to the enrolled children from the income earned by the child care business.
- 16.5.0 New instructions, released earlier in OM-99-05, Question 57, describe when court ordered child support paid to an individual or agency outside the FS household can be deducted from household income, even if the support is being paid for a household member.
- 16.8.0 The “other” standard was added to the list of utility expense options.
- 16.8.1 The SUA section was expanded.
- 16.8.4 The “Expenses in Rent” section was removed and included in 16.8.1. This section was renamed, “LIEAP Payments.”
- 16.8.11 The “LIEAP Payments” section was moved to 16.8.4. Section 16.8.11 is reserved for future use.
- 18.2.0 The Gross Income Limit in Appendix 18.2.0, for Household Size 1, was corrected.
- 21.1.0 FS reviews may alternate between Face to Face (FTF) reviews and Non-Face to Face (NFTF) reviews under certain circumstances.
- 21.3.0 FS groups on 3-month recertification may be eligible for a telephone interview or a mail-in recertification to complete every other FS recertification under certain circumstances.